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Today, Dec. 4th:	
Good Middling	38.25
Strict Middling	37.75
Middling	37
Lower grades	27 up

# ROCKINGHAM Post-Dispatch

**"ALL THE NEWS  
Most of the Time;  
Most of the News  
ALL THE TIME"**

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\$1.50 PER YEAR

## CHANGE IN PRICE

**Post-Dispatch will Increase Its Subscription Price Fifty Cents  
December 15th. Until That Date Renewals  
Accepted at Old Price.**

The POST-DISPATCH dislikes to make this announcement, but is forced to do so. The tremendously high price of paper compels us to advance the subscription price on December 15th to \$2.00 a year—an increase of only fifty cents. This is a very small increase as compared with the increase in the cost of print paper, and we hope our subscribers will appreciate this.

Until December 15th all renewals or new subscriptions will be accepted at the old rate of \$1.50 a year. If your subscription is still paid in advance you can, if you wish, pay \$1.50 and have it extended for a full year from whatever time your subscription does expire. But after Dec. 15th the price will be strictly \$2.00.

For the information of the readers, kindly let the POST-DISPATCH give some facts:

In normal times the price of print paper was two cents per pound. Now it is nine cents, and advancing. Postage has almost doubled. As a matter of fact, the subscription does not any more than pay for the white paper and ink and postage! The foregoing is in addition to every other item that goes to make up a paper.

But the distressing part about the print paper situation is the inability to secure sufficient paper irrespective of price! Not a pound of paper is in stock in any of the six big wholesale paper houses in Richmond. Not a pound in Atlanta for sale. Nor any in Norfolk or Baltimore. These are the big paper centers of the South, and when none is available with these, there is certainly none in smaller towns.

The editor was in Charlotte Monday and inquiry from the big paper house there elicited the information that no paper was in stock there, and no probability of getting any before Christmas. There is no assurance as to when a car will be received.

Fortunately, the POST-DISPATCH managed to get enough paper in October at seven and a half cents a pound to last until January 1st. The needs of the POST-DISPATCH are practically a ton a month. At the present price of nine cents, this amounts to \$180 a month for the blank paper alone! Can you wonder that an increase is absolutely necessary? Not that the paper to you is that the subscription price is \$2.00 instead of more.

But the paper shortage is really a serious one, and is bound to become worse.

Clyde Bivens, of the Wadesboro Ansonian, recognized what papers may eventually come to, and wisely took time by the forelock and two weeks ago sold his paper to the Wadesboro M. & I., and the two have now consolidated.

The News & Observer this week announced that until the shortage is over it would appear daily in only 16 pages.

The Atlanta Constitution recently was unable to get a supply of print paper and was forced to use expensive book paper—paper of a much better grade than ordinary news print.

And so with papers throughout the land. The shortage is acute.

If your subscription has expired or is about to expire, RENEW NOW AT \$1.50! After Dec. 15th it will be \$2.00.

If you are not a subscriber, become one NOW by sending in \$1.50 and get the benefit of the old price.

The fifty cents saved by renewing or subscribing NOW is worth saving. Do it.

### Smith Goes to Pen.

Sheriff McDonald Tuesday carried Henry Smith to the pen to begin serving a three years' sentence. He was convicted at January term, 1919, of blockading, and sentenced to the pen for 3 years. His attorney gave notice of appeal, but this was never perfected; in meantime he was released on bond. A capias was issued for him at last court, and on Sunday night Sheriff McDonald, with deputies Reynolds and Bean, arrested him while asleep at Cab. Smith's house, about 1½ miles from Osborne.

### Teachers' Meeting.

The white teachers of Richmond county will hold their second meeting at the city school building in Rockingham, Saturday morning Dec. 6th, at 10:30 o'clock. Every teacher in the county is urged to be present.

L. J. BELL, Supt.

### Cotton Gin Burned.

The cotton gin of Pegues Co., about 4 miles across the State line, was burned Wednesday night, together with about 150 bales of cotton. It is supposed to have caught from the boiler-room.

LOOK AT YOUR LABEL.

### DISTRESSING ACCIDENT

Robert Huntley Jr., Accidentally Kills Himself With Gun While Squirrel Hunting. Home in Mineral Springs Township.

A distressing accident occurred in Mineral Springs township last Saturday. Robert Huntley Jr., whose father is superintendent of the T. C. Leak farm, was hunting with some boys. He shot a squirrel, and when it fell to the ground the dogs pounced upon it.

He ran forward to keep them from tearing it to pieces, and had grabbed it and was holding it aloft in his right hand, with his shotgun in his left, when in some way the gun was discharged, the load tearing through his left side into his heart and lung. Death was instantaneous to this bright thirteen-year-old lad.

The remains were interred Sunday at Pleasant Grove cemetery in Wolf Pit township.

### Odd Fellows.

The tenth district meeting of Odd Fellows will be held at Charlotte Dec. 11th at 2:30 and 7:30. Rev. W. R. Coppedge, of Rockingham, will speak in the afternoon upon "Literature of Odd-Fellowship." And at night he will respond to the address of welcome; Mr. Coppedge is Grand Chaplain.

### COMMISSIONERS MEET

Jury for January Criminal Term Drawn. Jeff Covington Selected as County Auditor at \$1200.

The county commissioners were in regular monthly session last Monday. In addition to routine business and payment of bills, the Board drew the jury for Jan. 6th criminal term, and named Mr. Jeff D. Covington as County Auditor at a salary of \$100 per month. He will also act as Clerk to the Register of Deeds, and have his office in the Register's office.

The jury for Jan. 6th criminal term is as follows:

J. S. McQueen	T. L. McRae
C. R. Rhodes	Wiley Taylor
Russell C. Gates	A. E. Terry
Marvin Terry	T. A. Hilburn
C. B. Terry	C. P. Dawkins
H. A. Seuars	C. H. Kelly
J. T. Swink	M. L. Tucker
Lonnie Stogner	M. B. Leath
W. H. Fetner	J. E. Ingram
M. Waburton	Lester E. Morse
S. L. Carter	J. C. Morgan
Wm. H. Barlow	L. A. Patrick
R. R. Little	C. K. Rhyme
C. R. Baucum	J. F. Diggs
W. T. Hamer	W. C. Andrews
J. T. Cox	Alex McIntosh
J. R. Crossen	C. C. Shores
G. A. Seawell	Vernon Allen

### Paper's Birthday.

The Post-Dispatch with this issue begins its third year—it was two years old last issue.

### Hawaiian Singing

at the Opera House, Rockingham, Friday night, Dec. 5th. Tickets on sale at Fox drug store. 55 and 82c. Hula Hula dancing and latest jazz music.

The Seaboard Air Line this week took off three dining cars from three of its passenger trains, in effort to save coal. A ton of coal a day is saved for each dining car.

### Colored, Not White.

The item in last week's Post-Dispatch concerning the trial of Florence Fletcher for assault upon Minnie and Cora McRae might lead one to suppose these people live at Roberdel No. 2 village and are white people. As a matter of fact, all the parties are colored and none of them live in the village.

### \$30,109.63 Profits.

In the quarterly report of the Bank of Rockingham published in last week's issue, a typographical error was made by the paper in listing the undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid. The paper gave this item as being \$10,109.63, whereas it should have been \$30,109.63—a difference of \$20,000. The corrected statement appears on page nine.

### Marriage Licenses.

Nov. 28—Ab. Polk and Nancy Mumford, colored.  
Nov. 28—Miles W. Graham and Jewel S. Allred, white.  
Nov. 29—John Ingram Jr., and Ida Kendall, colored.  
Nov. 29—Herman Morrison and Alma Whitlock, white.  
Nov. 29—William Ruth and Rosetta Moore, colored.

### PRISONERS ESCAPE

Six Convicts Escape Monday Night From Richmond County Chain Gang by Ripping Hole in Floor of Cage.

The chain-gang of Richmond county is shy six workers—they departed in the dead of night Monday night, nor did they leave their address behind. This leaves the gang with but 20 men now.

Monday night seven prisoners made their escape by ripping up a portion of the floor of the cage. One of the seven, Tom McKay, voluntarily returned within a few minutes after escaping; he is the colored boy sent to the roads for two years for stealing Kenny Garner's car July 18th.

No trace has yet been found of the other six. Their names are:

Andrew McLessie  
Ben Walker, Bennettsville  
George Eason, Petersburg  
Henry Little, Rockingham  
Yoder Cunningham, Waxhaw  
Sandy McCarthy, Richmond.  
The county is offering a reward of \$10 for return of each prisoner.

### BAPTIST GO OVER

Rockingham Baptist Church Pledges \$30,302.50 on \$29,000.00 Quota. Pee Dee Association "Over the Top" by \$31,000. Additional Churches Yet to Report.

The 75-Million-Dollar campaign of the Southern Baptists is meeting with splendid success; every church is exceeding its quota. The formal "drive" began last Sunday and continues through this week.

Rev. Bruce Benton is director for the Pee Dee Association, which was asked to subscribe \$150,000. This small Association of 3,000 members has not only raised that amount, but exceeded it by \$31,000—the total to date being \$181,000, with additional churches to be heard from.

Rockingham First Baptist Church was assigned \$20,000, and to date has pledged \$30,302.50; this will be increased by still further amounts.

Those churches in Richmond county that have exceeded their quotas to date are: (first figures are the quota, the last the amount raised):

Hamlet \$20,000 \$22,680.  
Pee Dee \$500 \$1061.  
Cartledge Creek \$2500 \$4000  
Cobb Memorial \$1450 \$3452.50  
Midway \$150 \$429  
Roberdel \$2000 \$2050  
Steele's Mills \$1350 \$1488.80

The stores at Laurinburg were closed Tuesday and Wednesday at 4 o'clock in compliance with the fuel saving order.

### SANTA CLAUS

The Post-Dispatch Wants the Children to Write Short Letters to Santa Claus. They Will be Published Dec. 18th.

Now that Christmas is drawing nearer and nearer, each little boy and girl is no doubt thinking and looking forward to Santa Claus. It occurs to the POST-DISPATCH that the children under twelve years of age might like to write Santa Claus a letter telling him just what they want him to bring them.

And so the POST-DISPATCH intends publishing in its issue of Dec. 18th the letters the children may write to old St. Nick. Each child must write his or her own letter, unless too young; and each letter must be short and to the point. Don't you parents dictate the letter or tell the child what to write, but let it be the child's own expression and own quaint, straight-forward way of writing to the beloved old Santa Claus.

This is for children under 12. Send the letters to the Post-Dispatch at once, and these will be published over each child's name Dec. 18th.

Keep hands off, you parents!

### COURT DELAYED

Civil Term Court Continued From Last Monday to Tomorrow (Friday.) Illness in Judge's Family.

The civil term of court scheduled to convene last Monday, Dec. 1st, was postponed until later in the week upon receipt of a telegram from Judge Lane stating that illness in his family would prevent his getting here earlier.

A later message stated that he would be here to open court Friday morning, Dec. 5th.

It is hardly likely any cases will be tried at this delayed term, the two days, Friday and Saturday, probably being devoted to motions.

The next term will begin January 6th, for criminal cases only. The jury list is on this page.

### Red Cross History.

A comprehensive and interesting history of the Rockingham Red Cross Chapter appears in this issue of the Post-Dispatch. It was compiled with painstaking care, and our readers should file it away. It is well worth preserving.

### Rummage Sale.

The ladies of the Episcopal Guild will have a Rummage Sale in front of the courthouse Saturday. The donation of articles from friends will be appreciated.

### STORES REMAIN OPEN

Change Made Today in Closing Orders So That Stores Can Remain Open After Four O'clock, But Can Use No Fuel After That Hour.

Since the article appearing below was put in type, the Regional Coal Committee at Atlanta has today (Thursday) issued an order modifying the original order.

The new order allows stores and places of business to remain open indefinitely provided that between 4 p. m. and 9 a. m. they use NO HEAT, LIGHT OR POWER DERIVED IN ANY FASHION FROM COAL, WOOD OR GAS. This applies to stores, barber shops, picture shows etc.

Therefore the places of Rockingham will be open as heretofore, only no fires can be maintained after 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Hydro-electric plants will be required to show that no coal, wood or gas is used in generation of electricity and that no coal, wood or gas is used in any way outside of prescribed hours.

The strike of the soft coal miners has caused such a shortage of coal throughout the Nation that it has become necessary to restrict the use of coal in order to conserve the supply.

The Fuel Administration Monday issued orders that are even more far-reaching than those made during the war.

And the merchants and business men of Rockingham are abiding by the requests or orders to the letter. They feel that these drastic closing orders would not have been given unless the necessity was really acute.

The orders, effective Dec. 1st provide that all stores must not use electric or gas lights between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Exceptions to this are: Drug stores, for the sale of drugs only, and restaurants may remain open as heretofore but must curtail the number of their lights by 50

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### HAROLD LOCKWOOD

in  
"PALS FIRST"  
AT  
STAR THEATRE

ON  
FRIDAY, DEC. 5TH

Matinee 3:30, Night 7:00  
Admission 15 and 25c.

**The good old times? There were none. They're here now!**

"You are getting more and paying less for it in effort and hours—your welfare is guarded with more privileges—your independence is more thorough—your rights are more absolute than those of any generation since Ancestor Adam developed a fondness for apples!"

There are more opportunities for men with ready money today than ever before. Ready money comes only with steady, persistent saving. Start your ready money Account in our Bank today, if only with a dollar.

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OCTAVIA S. SCALES, Asst. Cashier.